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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/776,415	Applicant(s) TEGLIA, YANNICK	
	Examiner KRISTIN D. SANDOVAL	Art Unit 2132	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 December 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-15 and 17-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-15 and 17-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-15 and 17-22 are pending. Claims 7 and 16 are cancelled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed December 26, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Ugon fails to disclose a subprogram which contains an instruction for returning to a main calling program at the instruction immediately following the instruction having caused branching to the subprogram. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Ugon discloses a main program (P1) that branches to a sub-program (P2) and returns to the main program (P1) directly after the instruction that branched to the sub-program (P2) (6:54-61). The main program (P1) constitutes the main calling program of applicant's invention and the program (P2) constitutes the subprogram.

Applicant also argues that Ugon fails to disclose branching or jumping from a main program to a randomly selected address in a subprogram, and executing the subprogram from the randomly selected address to an instruction for returning to the main program. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Ugon discloses branching to a randomly selected address of sub-program (P2) from main program (P1) (7:44-51). The main program (P1) constitutes the main calling program of applicant's invention and the program (P2) constitutes the subprogram.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ugon, U.S. Patent No. 7,036,002.

Ugon discloses an antifraud method comprising randomizing a physical signature of an integrated circuit executing a main program contained on ROM (7:29-43), comprising providing in said main program a branch to a randomly chosen address of a sub-program (7:44-51) having at least a features that any operation code that it contains directly or indirectly leads to an instruction included in the same sub-program except for at least one instruction for returning to the main program, the sub-program has no interrupt-generating code, no instructions for jumping or branching to an address external to the sub-program or jumping to another sub-program (8:46-59), no infinite loops and that whatever the input address in this sub-program, the execution of said instruction for returning returns to the main calling program at the instruction immediately following the instruction having caused said branching to the sub-program, to randomize a total execution time of the main program (6:54-7:11).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRISTIN D. SANDOVAL whose telephone number is (571)272-7958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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